

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

Claims 26 to 44 remain in the application

No new matter has been added with the amendment.

Under 35 U.S.C. 121, the Applicant elects species III of the holding device drawn to Fig. 4 for prosecution on the merits.

Claims 26 and 32-38 are generic to species III and IV (Figs. 4 and 5). Claims 27-31 are directed to species III (Figs. 2 and 3). Claims 39, 43, and 44 are directed to species III (Fig. 4) while claims 40-42 are directed to species IV (Fig. 5).

Amendments made to claims 26, 27, 35, 37, and 38 clarify the invention, but do not narrow the scope of these claims.

Reconsideration of the invention as claimed in light of the above comments is respectfully requested.

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In the event that there are any questions concerning this response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

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